Bank's Name	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
7. Central Bank of India	569	583	215
8. Corporation Bank	49	91	71
9 Dena Bank	319	317	274
10. Indian Bank	416	482	98
11 Indian Overseas Bank	469	244	219
12. Oriental Bank of Commerce	85	117	199
13 Punjab & Sind Bank	85	37	66
14 Punjab National Bank	483	704	616
15 Syndicate Bank	33	220	126
16. UCO Bank	278	334	299
17. Union Bank of India	278	308	278
18. United Bank of India	250	111	142
19 Vijaya Bank	240	125	77
TOTAL	6328	6108	5172

Ten per cent growth rate of economy

111. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making efforts to achieve Ten per cent growth during the coming year;

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve the said growth rate with a specific target in each category and with economic reforms;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt common currency in Asia with other countries;

(d) if so, the details discussed in this regard with each country, and

(e) the response received from each country and decisions arrived at so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL) (a) and (b) The growth trend for the recent years appears to indicate the beginning of a new cyclical upswing in the economy from 2003-04. The increased growth momentum of the manufacturing and services sectors along with a robust agricultural performance are expected to generate an overall GDP growth of 8-8.5 percent in the coming year.

(c) to (e) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been discussing the creation of a weighted index of Asian currencies called in Asian Currency Unit (ACU), the proposal involves having a common currency for the countries under Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) with inclusion of India, Australia and New Zealand at a later date. The proposal is under preliminary discussion in the ADB.

Extension of gratuity, family pension in new pension system

112. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend benefits of gratuity, family pension and death-cum-retirement gratuity in the new pension system;

(b) whether such a move goes against the earlier objective of the scheme and will dilute the new pension scheme; and

(c) what is the justification for this afterthought particularly when the new pension scheme as envisaged earlier would have freed Government from huge pension liabilities for its staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Dearness Allowance due to employees

113. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which additional Dearness Allowance and relief has become due to the Central Government employees and pensioners *w.e.f.* 1st July, 2006; and